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SUBJECT: PENDING APPOINTMENT OF NEW CANAL ZONE GOVERNOR.

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE APPOINT MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD R. PARFITT, NOW COMMANDING GENERAL, US ARMY ENGINEER CENTER AND COMMANDANT, US ARMY ENGINEER SCHOOL, AS GOVERNOR OF THE CANAL ZONE AS A REPLACEMENT FOR MAJOR GENERAL DAVID S. PARKER. MAJOR GENERAL PARFITT PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE CANAL ZONE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA BE APPRISED OF THIS APPOINTMENT BEFORE IT IS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. AS SOON AS THE PRESIDENT ACTS ON THIS NOMINATION, AND ASSUMING THAT HE APPROVES, YOU WILL BE INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT YOU NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAS BEEN INFORMED IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MAY ARRANGE FOR SIMULTANEOUS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE CANAL ZONE.

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3. ONCE HIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

DENT, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MAJOR GENERAL PARFITT FOR YOUR USE WHEN YOU APPRISE THE GOP. INGERSOLL

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